

THE Weekly Ledger

REMEMBER the Chautauque opens Friday evening.

The great Columbia Fair opened Tuesday and many from this city are attending. If the roads remain good, quite a number will motor to the races from here on Thursday.

THE Centralia Courier says: "Mexico's ball park has been rented out for a cow pasture and her ball team disbanded. Mexico now works at her surplus enthusiasm via the baseball route."

COO. W. R. KOHR stated to Ledger representative Wednesday, that he hoped to have every plan arranged for the opening of the Missouri Military Academy by the first of next week.

THE University Missouriian has just issued a Boone County Fair edition. It was well patronized by students and a great piece of publicity for the race meet. The Missouriian is to be congratulated upon its enterprise.

THE St. Louis Times gives a column of space to the Chautauque, which is a most laudatory article. Such cannot be said for the leading of this great educational institution for its growth in attendance as well as academic standing has been phenomenal.

THE management of the Chautauque will have a number of committees as a platform committee on the corner of Senator T. P. Gore's address at the Chautauque Assembly Saturday afternoon. The time senator is a great orator and the attendance on this afternoon should be a record-breaker.

A SUBSCRIBER of the Fulton Gazette, writing to that worthy publication concerning the railroad situation here, and comparing that city with Mexico, says: "It would pay any Fultonian to get left in Mexico, the first time it is passing through, just to see what progress that town is making."

IN the clinics of Col. Green Clay to introduce Senator T. P. Gore as speaker at the Mexico Chautauque, Saturday afternoon, the management of the assembly made no mistake. Col. Clay is not only an ardent Democrat, but always has pertinent and interesting points to make on such an occasion.

ATTENTION is called to an article in this issue of the Ledger concerning county schools by Superintendent Shobe. A few of the schools open about August first and the remainder the middle of the month. Superintendent Shobe is doing all he can to raise the standard of Audrain schools in every particular and should have the entire cooperation of the teachers and boards.

E. A. HOWELL, cashier of the First National Bank, of Hardin, Mo., writes the Ledger that he and his wife could keep house without the Ledger. He states crop conditions in this section are quite good and the business outlook is most prosperous. Mr. Howell is one of Mexico's most prominent young men who followed Horace Greeley's advice and went West where he has won a good success.

A LETTER has been received and is in the hands of the Mexico Business Men's Association concerning an Audrain county and Mexico exhibit at the Show Me Congress in St. Louis, Mo., in September. This will be a great opportunity for Mexico to show what it has in Audrain and to boost the county at a small cost. There will be thousands in attendance at the Congress from all over the country, and people will be reached that otherwise might know but little of us. Let us send an exhibit by all means.

The report has been circulated that T. Peyton, candidate for Circuit Clerk, has been selling "boozie" through his drugstore at Martinsburg. We do not know why this is being circulated, but suppose it is for a cause. The person or persons that started this would be guilty of the lowest untruth that could be uttered. Mr. Peyton has been in the drug business at Martinsburg for 18 years and during that time he has never sold a drop of "boozie" in his store. We refer you to any minister, doctor or any man that knows anything about Mr. Peyton or his business for the truth of this statement. Any man who can run a drug store for 18 years without handling any "boozie" deserves credit and not misrepresentation.—Audrain County Oracle

SUPT. OF COUNTY SCHOOLS J. L. SHOBE, who is an indefatigable worker for the betterment of the county school, made a trip to the following from the Arkansas Review: "We believe the time is here when the county schools should be brought up to a higher state of efficiency. Rural high schools so situated that the pupils from four districts can attend them should be introduced wherever possible. When a boy or girl is compelled to go to the county seat for a high school education it is an open invitation for them to become dissipated with country life, and the sooner this state of affairs is remedied the sooner the drift to the cities will be arrested. Instruction in country schools should be so efficient that boys and girls can step direct from the rural high school into the freshman year of any college institution, and when this becomes possible the percentage of those who acquire a college education will be doubled several times over. The present gap between the rural school and the higher institution of learning is a serious handicap and the obliquity of the future demands that it be eliminated at the earliest possible moment."

BUSINESS MEN'S ASS'N OFFICERS MAKE STATEMENT OF WORK UNDERWAY NOW

FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING MEMBERSHIP TO FURTHER CITY'S BEST INTERESTS THEY MAKE STATEMENT OF WHAT IS BEING DONE

Shoe Factory and Wholesale Grocery House Are Considering Mexico as Possible Sites for Their Enterprises.

Recently the Mexico Business Men's Association was thoroughly organized with the view of furthering the best interests of the city. Every officer has the progress of the city at heart and will do everything he can to procure enterprises of various kinds for the city.

Lately a committee was appointed by the Association to confer with the manufacturers here with the view of assisting them in procuring the necessary labor to carry on their several enterprises.

Hardly a week passes by but an opportunity presents itself to locate some sort of new business here. As may be noted from the press, at least two shoe manufacturers are now engaged in viewing the city for the purpose of locating here.

We recognize that it is with great difficulty that any amount of donations could now be subscribed by the citizens. The main object of the Business Men's Association can now have in view is to point to the enterprises already located here, and in due people to locate here with the view of better employment. Whenever we can increase the commercial and manufacturing interests of the town, we will then attract more than in any other way immigrants into the town and naturally then enterprises looking for locations will be attracted by the prospects of procuring labor. In other words, the more manufacturers we have the more labor there will be to perform and that of itself will necessarily attract persons with families looking out for homes.

The Association is now in correspondence with a shoe factory which is desirous to locate a wholesale grocery here in Mexico. In the event the latter Company should make its location here, it will want a local manager and local assistants. This will not be a branch house of the main Company, but will be an independent wholesale grocery located within our midst, and will be managed by local men, although the main part of the capital will come from the original Company located in Dayton, Ohio.

The membership of this Association is about sixty, and should be one hundred, at least. What Associations of this kind have done for the cities of Hannibal, Columbia and Moberly can be done here by united action on our part.

We will, from time to time, as occasion may require, call attention to the people here of the opportunities presented to procure the location of enterprises. Every enterprise will bring with it capital, inhabitants and will furnish more employment and more business for those that are here.

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MATHIAS CRUM WILL TRY CROWING ALFALFA AFTER TREATING HIS LAND

PROMINENT AUDRAIN COUNTY FARMER WHO FOLLOWS SCIENTIFIC RULINGS REGARDING THE PLANTING OF CROPS WILL EXPERIMENT HERE

Will Use Car Load of Lime Phosphate on Field in Which He Intends Sowing Alfalfa—A Few Facts About This Kind of Feed.

While the sowing of alfalfa which is considered worth a long painstaking preparation, has had little trial in Audrain county many of the farmers are considering it more and more all the time and shortly several will make extensive experiments in the growing here.

Judge Mathias Crum, who is a most scientific farmer, had a fine stand of alfalfa here two years ago, but shortly before time to cut became sickly and soon died out. He believes his failure was due to the lack of phosphorus on the soil.

He stated to a Ledger representative, recently, that he intended to try growing it again and next time he believed he would meet with more success. He intends purchasing a car load of rock phosphate and treating the soil in which the alfalfa is to be planted with this stone. It will supply what is missing from the soil and he thinks good results will follow.

In selecting a field for alfalfa, it does not matter so much about the dryness of the land, so long as it is well drained and the soil not sour, although it naturally grows better on turfy soil that is rich and in fine tilth. A simple method by which the acidity of the soil may be tested is to make a deep cut in the moist ground, say with a knife, inserting in the opening a piece of litmus paper, and pressing the earth together, leave the paper for an hour or more. By that time if the paper has turned pink or reddish, there is acid. This may be corrected by applying fifty to one thousand pounds of "me per acre" previous to or at the time of sowing.

While there is considerable difference of opinion as to whether spring or fall sowing is best, the season should not, perhaps in most localities, determine that so much as the presence of favorable conditions.

Fall sowing has a number of advantages that recommend it. First, a late start in the growing season, for sowing in the fall alfalfa will give two or three cuttings in the following year, while with the spring sowing it is often a struggle for existence for the first year, owing to the growth of weeds and the dry summer weather it is able to be encountered. The fall sown begins its growth early in the spring and hence alfalfa is a good chance to outgrow the weeds.

Outside of the more northern states where the winters are severe, it would seem, therefore, that fall sowing would be more or less generally advisable.

The quantity to sow is a much argued question, and twenty pounds is the maximum, which is advised on the theory that it is better to sow rather too much than too little. Of course old hands with alfalfa wisely decrease the quantity. If alfalfa seeds were universally clean and germinable, and the ground for it thoroughly prepared, sowing twenty pounds would be grossly extravagant, for it 90 per cent of it germinated, there would be nearly ninety plants to the square foot, a tenth of which would be an ample stand.

The percentage of germinability should be ascertained by a test before sowing.

An easy way to determine this, within the reach of everyone, is to invert a small dish in a larger vessel and pour water around it. Count out one hundred seeds and place them between two pieces of muslin, and after wetting, place the whole on top of the inverted dish, letting the edges of the muslin rest in the water. By counting and taking off at intervals of two or three days all sprouted seeds the per cent of germinability is learned. This should not be less than 85 to 90 per cent. It is probably best to sow fresh seed, which is of a greenish orange color, yellow color. Older seed has a yellowish brown appearance, but so long as its germinating powers are not impaired age does not make essential difference.

Alfalfa may be sown broadcast or with grain drill, and the seed should have about an inch covering. Many prefer to sow with a drill having the press-wheel attachment, as the depth of planting can be better regulated. A more even distribution of the seed is made by running the drill across the land in one direction, sowing half the seed, and then cross-drilling with the other half. Presumably on account of the difficulty of adjusting the depth of sowing with a drill, many farmers use the broadcast sower or sow from the hand, but it is advisable to use the sower or the drill, with the latter an even distribution can be had, covering thoroughly by harrowing, and with the drill it is certain that the seeds are in the ground. Where the drills have no grass-seeding attachment, it has been found that mixing the seed with coarse corn meal will cause the drill to feed out, about the right quantity of seed per acre.

The roof into some quiet family circle and frightening the people to death by their sudden advent.

Experiments were being made with an aeroplane fire department.

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The auto race, to have been held to-day, has been postponed until Friday.

Grand Island, Neb., July 26. The effort here to-day to ditch the local option plank in the State Democratic platform, favored by William Jennings Bryan, was defeated.

Mr. Bryan stated he was making ready for the fight of his life on the floor of the convention. The party leaders, who had every means of smothering the liquor question prepared, were surprised when they met with defeat.

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The great Missourian in this city today and in an interview announced that the holder of the Democratic party were brighter than for years, and that the star of the great organization was rapidly reaching its ascendancy.

"I not only say I will be the next speaker of the House," said Mr. Clark, but say that the Democrats will control the House." Mr. Clark's statement delighted the many local politicians who heard it.

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Mr. Knipfel had gone to his barn to turn his horses on the pasture with a flash of lightning came with its deadly force and struck him down.

Mr. Knipfel was about 30 years old and is survived by a wife. He was one of the most popular planters in this section and his death will be generally regretted.

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